

ATRIAL FIBRILLATION WORKING GROUP DESCRIPTION

STRATEGIC PLAN GOAL: LEADERSHIP

SCA will be a recognized resource for healthcare providers engaged in the care of patients undergoing cardiovascular and thoracic procedures.

MISSION

To enhance the care of cardiovascular surgical patients by creating recommendations for best practices and providing the dissemination of such recommendations, via education and communication.

PURPOSE

The goal is to help all perioperative physicians (cardiac anesthesiologists, cardiac surgeons, cardiologists) in private practice or academics, to better implement recommended guidelines. The working group will summarize the literature and distill the multiple existing practice guidelines. Though numerous publications exist that propose clinical care guidelines in cardiac surgery, practitioners become overwhelmed by such volumes of information and thus become non-compliant. After the distillation of information and summary into simple uniform recommendations, unique educational materials and opportunities will be created in order to educate the medical and lay communities. Specific duties include:

1. To summarize and distill existing literature and guidelines.
2. To identify metrics, either novel or existing, to be used to measure the desired outcome.
3. To assess need for database or other extraction of the desired data
4. To begin group writing- librarian assisted search- summation of all Guidelines in this relevant area and concise distillation of Best Practices for the Clinician to follow.

PARENT COMMITTEE

The working group reports to the Clinical Practice Improvement Sub-Committee.

MEETING

The working group meets at least once per year.

COMPOSITION

The working group is composed of the Chair, Parent Committee (QSL) Chair, Parent Sub-Committee (CPI) Chair, an EACTA liaison, and up to fifteen other members. A Board Liaison may be appointed at the discretion of the President. Non-members of the Society may be invited to join.

TERM

Working group members serve for a term of two years for any number of terms, but not more than three terms consecutively.